



MAUI COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION

OCTOBER 2022

Maui Police Department

HIGHLIGHTS

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**WADE MAEDA, ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
Commander Bryan Manlapao, Acting Captain**

RECKLESS ENDANGERING I

On October 30 at approximately 2322 hours, a 22-year-old male reported catching a ride to Kihei from Lahaina. The male wanted to get out of the vehicle in the area of the Scenic Lookout and an argument ensued with the driver and another passenger in the vehicle. The male got out of the vehicle, at which time he heard an estimated four gunshots. The male was clearly under the influence of Liquor and/or an illegal narcotic. Witnesses in the area confirmed hearing approximately four loud pops which sounded like a firearm being discharged, but could not see who was shooting or the direction the shots were coming from. A follow up with the male on the following day revealed he was heavily intoxicated and couldn't remember what happened at the Scenic Lookout. No injuries and no damages to any other vehicles at the Scenic Lookout were reported.

CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE, JUVENILE RUNAWAY, SEX ASSAULT I

On October 25 at around 6:30 p.m., a mother of a 12-year-old juvenile female victim reported her daughter left the residence with an unknown male responsible. The identity/age of the responsible is unknown; however, per the mother, the male appeared to be an adult. The victim told her sister the responsible paid for her ticket to Honolulu. Investigation by CID detectives revealed the victim traveled with an adult male to Honolulu. Honolulu Police Detectives Mike Garcia and Reid Tagomori of the Missing Persons detail assisted/located the victim in Honolulu but the male responsible was not there. The victim was taken into custody by the Honolulu Police Detectives and her mother was notified that a rape kit was being requested to be done as HPD investigators believe the responsible may have had intercourse with her daughter. Honolulu Police Department is looking into a Sex Assault in the First Degree as they observed marks resembling that of "hickies" on the victim's neck when they located her. Communication between HPD and MPD CID will be ongoing as new information is obtained.

ATTEMPTED THEFT I, ASSAULT AGAINST A P.O.I AND CRIMINAL TRESPASS I.

On October 12 at about 1743 hours, an adult male caretaker for a residence in Kihei reported a 40-year-old male responsible trespassing into a unit on the property. The caller followed the responsible to a residence where a responding officer located the responsible. The responsible was placed under arrest, however, he resisted and a struggle ensued with the officer. Officer's repeated attempts to take the responsible to the ground and place him in handcuffs were unsuccessful and two concerned citizens assisted. The responsible continued to struggle and at one point grabbed the officer's Department issued Glock pistol located in his holster. Additional responding patrol units arrived to place the responsible in handcuffs. The initial officer sustained a 2" abrasion to his upper left arm and refused medical attention. The responsible was also treated and released by Medical personnel. The responsible was arrested for the felony offenses of ATTEMPTED THEFT I and ASSAULT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER 1.

VICE DIVISION
Commander Clifton Perreira, Acting Captain

MONTHLY STATISTICS – NARCOTICS/GAMBLING:

The Division executed 12 search warrants, generated 32 cases, and seized the following:

Crystal Methamphetamine	193.98 grams
Suspected Fentanyl Pills	215 dosage units
Tar Heroin	1.70 grams
Processed Marijuana	476.12 grams
Marijuana Plants	15 Plants
Pharmaceuticals	11 dosage units
Submitted for forfeiture:	\$5,561.00 (U.S. Currency)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY:

On October 29, Vice personnel assisted the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with a prescription medication drug take back day at the Wailuku and Kihei police station.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM
Commander Christopher Gantala, Lieutenant

	October 2022	Year To Date
SRT Missions	0	23
SRT Presentations	1	18
SRT Warrants*	3	23
SRT Arrests*	3	34

JUVENILE SECTION

Commander, Shane Yoshizawa, Acting Lieutenant

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY:

- 10/10/22 Presentation at Maui Prep Academy on Response to Active Shooter (Ofc. Tevaga)
- 10/11/22 Presentation at Sacred Hearts Academy on Internet Safety (Ofc. Tevaga)
- 10/21/22 Presentation to Kamehameha Schools regarding Mandatory Reporting (A/Sgt. Honda)
- 10/25/22 Crossing the line Presentation at King Kekaulike (Ofc. Haia)
- 10/26/22 Red Ribbon Week Presentation at Iao School (Ofc. Comilang)
- 10/26/22 Crossing the Line presentation at Seabury High (Ofc. Haia)
- 10/26/22 Presentation at Princess Nahienaena School (Ofc. Tevaga)
- 10/27/22 Presentation on vaping at Waihee Elementary (Counselor Nishiyama & A/Sgt. Honda)
- 10/28/22 I Love You Guys and Crase presentation at Lokelani School (Ofc. Comilang)
- 10/29/22 Special Olympics bowling fundraiser (Ofc. Comilang)

JCPD Programs:

- 137 juvenile offender cases referred to JCPD.
- 34 participants in Project POI; 6 newly enrolled and 21 ongoing participants.
- There were no participants for the Kalo Program.

INCIDENTS / ADDRESSING CRIME:

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Division investigated four separate incidents that included threats of school violence by students. The incidents were documented and included three threats of violence with the use of a weapon, and one threat regarding killing a teacher. The cases have been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review and have resulted in one arrest at this time.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Division investigated ten separate sexual assault investigations. The incidents have been documented and the allegations include sexual assault against juveniles by both adult and juvenile suspects.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS

**District I – Wailuku.....Commander Ernest Soares,
Acting Captain**

**District II - Lana'i..... Commander Kimberly Masse,
Acting Lieutenant**

**District III – Hana.....Commander Trinidad Alconcel,
Acting Lieutenant**

District IV - Lahaina.....Commander Keola Tom, Captain

**District V - Moloka'i.....Commander Jamie Winfrey,
Acting Captain**

District VI - Kihei.....Commander Scott Migita, Captain

**Traffic Section.....Commander Kenneth Kihata,
Acting Lieutenant**

**Communications Section.....Commander Terence Gomez
Lieutenant**

**REID PURSLEY, ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF
UNIFORMED SERVICES BUREAU**

DISTRICT I – WAILUKU

Commander Ryan Rodrigues, Acting Captain

On October 18 at 0754 hours, a female caller stated she observed a heavysset male with no shirt on, walking around with an AR-15 style weapon in hand in the area of Amala Place near the Recycling Center and another male holding a beer bottle in his hand. When Police arrived, they observed a male victim jump back into the water in fear of the police thinking he had warrants and the heavysset male fled the area. Victim related to police that prior to their arrival, he was out for a swim. When victim was getting out of the water, he was approached by a male offender who pulled up in a white 4-door sedan and is known to him. The offender's vehicle was facing the water and both offender and victim were about a 100 yards apart. Offender opened his truck and pulled out an AR-15 rifle, points the rifle at the victim, and on multiple accounts threatens victim that he's going to kill him. Victim starts approaching offender as he's pointing the gun at him and offender points the rifle down towards the ground and fires 2-3 rounds. Victim continues to close the gap between them until he's within 2-3 feet in proximity from him. Offender is still holding the rifle toward the ground and fires another 2 rounds at the ground. Offender then gets back into the driver seat and puts the rifle on the front passenger seat area, backs up the vehicle facing in the Paia direction, and accelerates towards the victim who jumps onto the hood of the vehicle and rolls off to the driver side and onto the pavement. Offender does a U Turn and faces in the Kahului direction as victim is still standing in front of the vehicle. Offender gets out of the car, approaches victim and victim punches offender once to the face. Offender does not fight back, gets back into his car as victim walks off to the right passenger side of the vehicle, continues to call out to offender to fight, and throws a rock through the right rear passenger window and breaks the glass. Offender feels and drives toward Kahului. Lt. Bryan MANLAPAO was notified at 0815 hours and Detective Jeremy PALLONE DE LE TORRE responded. Four spent casings were located and the scene was secured for CID. At 0955 hours, offender was located and arrested by CRU units at a residence in Kula. The car was searched but the weapon at this time has not been recovered and the investigation is ongoing.

DISTRICT II – LANAI

Commander Kimberly Masse, Acting Lieutenant

OCTOBER 2022 CASE HIGHLIGHT – THEFT 1

On October 26, 2022 at an unknown time, unknown offender(s) transferred \$25,000.00 from a Lanai resident's bank checking account to a person purportedly from the "Washington State Department."

The victim was made aware of the transaction on October 28, 2022 by a push notification they received on their cell phone. The victim immediately contacted the bank, which then opened an inquiry after flagging the transfer as fraudulent.

The checking account is a joint account between the victim and their elderly mother. The victim does not know how the unknown offender(s) gained access to their account. The victim is not aware of any malware or viruses on their mobile devices at this time. Checks made for any information regarding the individual purportedly from the "Washington State Department" were negative. Total value of items stolen is \$25,000.00.

The victim is also unsure why the bank did not flag this transaction since it was so large.

The investigation remains ongoing.

OFFICER AWARDS



OFFICER OF THE MONTH – CODY MAKAOKALANI

Officer MAKAOKALANI worked twenty-six (26) days: he generated forty-six (46) cases; he had six (6) assigned cases; and he issued six (6) citations. Officer MAKAOKALANI had fifteen (15) call backs and is always willing to fill in to cover shifts. Officer MAKAOKALANI works first watch and continues to be proactive.

DISTRICT III – HANA

Commander Trinidad ALCONCEL, Acting Lieutenant

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENT

On October 20 at about 1229 hours, units were sent emergency to an ocean rescue type incident in the waters off Keanae Peninsula. It was reported that a couple fell in and was unable to climb out of the high surf. While en-route, dispatch related that a local resident had gone in to rescue one of the parties, however it appeared that she was unresponsive. At this time, the male victim was unable to be located. Air-1 was dispatched and responded to start search and rescue efforts. Dispatch later related that a female was brought to shore by the local resident and CPR was initiated. Checks made for the male victim was unsuccessful by both air-1 and bystanders. It was later learned that an off-duty Doctor and Nurse that was here on vacation performed CPR for approximately 15-20 minutes before making the determination that efforts were no longer needed as the female victim had expired. Unfortunately, the Doctor left prior to police arrival. At about 1307 hours, police arrived on scene and observed a female body lying in the supine position covered with a bed sheet. Air-1 was hovering above still searching for the missing male. At about 1313 hours, Air-1 located the male victim face down floating approximately 250 yards off shore. His body was recovered by Air-1 and flown to the Keanae baseball field which was used as a landing zone. Both parties were pronounced dead by Dr. DORSEY at 1330 hours. Victims later positively identified. The Walnut Creek Police Department was contacted via teletype to make proper death notifications to their next of kin. Their rental car was located and recovered by Enterprise RAC. Their personal belongings were recovered and submitted for safekeeping.

FELONY, ABUSE (STRANGULATION)

On October 9 at 1200 hours, police responded to the Campgrounds at the National Parks in Kipahulu. A female victim reported she and her boyfriend offender were in a heated verbal argument about relationship problems. Victim stated the argument turned physical when offender grabbed her by the neck, placed his hand around her throat and squeezed it, impeding her breathing for two to three seconds. Victim was then thrown to the ground causing pain and redness to her back and neck area. The offender was contacted on scene and advised of his rights. He was arrested for the offence of FELONY ABUSE-STRANGULATION and transported to the Hana Police Station for processing without further incident. Bail was set at \$5,000.00.

DISTRICT IV – LAHAINA
Commander Keola TOM, Captain

PROMOTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY / VIOLATION OF PRIVACY / PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE:

Ofc. W. CLEGHORN / K. DUNN / T. LEE

On October 21 at about 1320 hours, the Maui Preparatory Academy reported a possible sex type - pornography case involving two of their students. Officer CLEGHORN responded and preliminary investigation revealed the responsible male to be 18 years old and the alleged victim to be a 15-year-old female. It was reported that the male and female are currently in a consensual relationship and that at some point filmed themselves having sex. It was reported that the male sent an electronic text and/or showed the video to at least one person, but possibly more. CID was notified of the incident.

FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT CARD / THEFT OF CREDIT CARD / THEFT IN THE THIRD DEGREE:

Ofc. T. CREMER-KAALAKEA

On October 21, a victim reported that unknown person(s) obtained his Credit Card and made several unauthorized purchases to include ABC Store, Times Supermarket, and the Honolua Store. Investigation included watching several forms of video surveillance. Times Supermarket contacted Officer T. CREMER KAALAKEA claiming that the responsible people utilizing the stolen Credit Card were back. Officer T. CREMER KAALAKEA was able to obtain the vehicle's license plates of their vehicle. Computer checks revealed the registered owner resides at an address on Lower Honoapiilani Road. Checks conducted at the unit revealed the same person in the surveillance videos to have answered the door. Subsequently, a male came to the door to see what was going on with his "wife" and was also observed in the surveillance footage. While at the scene, several items of evidence were observed within the unit and eventually recovered as evidence. Both the male and female were arrested for the above-mentioned charges.

HALLOWEEN 2022:

This was the first year of Halloween since the end of the Covid pandemic. This year, the roads remained open for traffic as it is usually closed for this event. There was an estimated crowd of over 20,000 people that attended throughout the night. All available Lahaina officers, including 2 CID Detectives, were called back for duty. Of the 26 officers working that night, 5 officers were assigned to regular patrol duties. Leaving only 21 Officers for crowd control, we were fortunate that no major incidents occurred. Officers were strategically placed outside the major bars and at various points on Front Street throughout the night and into the early morning hours.

DISTRICT V – MOLOKAI

Commander, Jamie WINFREY, Acting Captain

Alpha Watch: FELONY ABUSE OF FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER (STRANGULATION) (2 CTS.) , FELONY ABUSE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR, TERRORISTIC THREATENING I

Investigator: Officer Frederick WELCH

On October 10, 2022 at 0037 hours, a 21-year-old female reported being strangled twice by her 44-year-old mother in the presence of her 13-year-old sister. The mother was arrested for the above charges.

Bravo Watch: ABUSE OF FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

Investigator: Officer Joshua OGATA

On October 31, 2022 at 0900 hours, a 34-year-old female reported her 35-year-old boyfriend was damaging their vehicle with rocks. One of the rocks missed the vehicle and struck the victim, causing an injury to same. Male was arrested.

Charlie Watch: MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENT

Investigator: Officer Nathaneal GANDEZA

On October 8, 2022 at approximately 1930 hours, a 35-year-old male attempted to ignite an aerial firework when it exploded in his hand. As a result, the victim sustained a dismembered right hand, avulsion to right side of his forehead, and temporary loss of hearing.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Officer Nathaneal GANDENZA was selected as Officer of the Month. During the month, Officer GANDENZA generated 56 on beat cases, handled 32 assigned cases, and issued 14 citations. Most notable was Officer GANDENZA's quick action in applying a tourniquet on a victim who dismembered his hand and had already lost a large amount of blood prior to the officer's arrival.

DISTRICT VI – KIHEI

Commander Scott Migita, Captain

ASSAULT II

On October 2, Kihei Patrol responded to a lounge on South Kihei Road for an assault incident. Initial investigation revealed that the male victim was taking video footage of the lounge's dance floor when a local male approached him and began arguing with him about filming video there. The local male then punched the victim in the jaw before fleeing the area on foot. The victim claimed injury to his jaw and relayed he was unsure if he "blacked out" during this incident. Officers made checks for the responsible but were unable to locate him. MPD Detectives were informed of this investigation which is ongoing.

ATTEMPTED THEFT I / ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER II / RESISTING ARREST / CRIMINAL TRESPASS I

On October 12, a Kihei Patrol Officer made contact with a responsible in a Criminal Trespass case on Anapa Place in Kihei. While attempting to affect an arrest, the offender resisted and began struggling with the officer and attempted to punch him. During the struggle, the offender attempted to grab the officer's firearm which was secured in its holster. The Officer, along with the assistance of several citizens in the area, were able to subdue the offender until other Patrol units arrived. The offender was placed under arrest for the noted offenses.

UNATTENDED DEATH

On October 29, Kihei Patrol units responded to the Pali hiking trail off of Honoapiilani Highway in Maalaea for an unresponsive male. Initial investigation revealed that a 55-year-old male victim was found unresponsive on the hiking trail by two other hikers in the area. Lifesaving efforts were performed in an attempt to revive the victim but were unsuccessful. No signs of foul play were observed. The victim's cause of death is pending an autopsy.

TRAFFIC

Commander –Kenneth Kihata, Acting Lieutenant

HIGHLIGHT EVENT(S):

No fatal or near-fatal crashes for the month of October 2022.

The DUI Task Force, along with other Officers from the Solo Bike Detail and the Vehicular Homicide Unit, made (35) O.V.U.I.I. arrests, along with (31) various other arrests.

Seven (7) Sobriety Checkpoints and (3) Saturation Patrols were conducted by the Traffic Section at various location.

The Traffic Section issued (359) citations and (42) written warnings for various traffic violations/infractions.

We are currently at (16) fatalities for CY2022 compared to (15) this time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
Commander Terence Gomez, Lieutenant

Receiving Desk Activity Summary	AUG 2022 Adult	SEP 2022 Adult	OCT 2022 Adult	AUG 2022 Adult	SEP 2022 Adult	OCT 2022 Adult	YTD 2022 A. / J.
Wailuku Booking #'s Used	227	207	240	13	20	9	1,914 / 172
Persons held at Wailuku RD	283	277	322	0	0	0	2,704 / 0
Female Arrest	87	93	106	7	13	5	708 / 84
Male Arrest	248	198	216	10	17	7	1,999 / 114
Felony Arrests	209	186	165	4	10	1	1,841 / 43
Operating/ Vehicle (OUI)	18	35	43	1	0	0	340 / 5
Prohibitions	3	2	4	1	4	1	22 / 15
Protective Custody				10	6	5	0 / 64
Status Offenses				0	8	8	0 / 74
Criminal Offenses				21	25	2	0 / 155
Juvenile Detention				0	0	0	0 / 0

Dispatch Unit Activity Summary	2021 Year Total	AUG 2022	SEP 2022	OCT 2022	2022 YTD
Admin. Incoming Calls	192,095	18,199	16,359	16,112	153,258
Admin. Outgoing Calls*	70,779	4,244	3,877	4,087	43,942
911 Calls	131,335	9,188	8,403	9,127	86,767
911 Text	260	15	14	13	143
Police Cases (Maui)	39,993	3,231	3,142	3,016	31,583
Police Cases (Lanai)	1,635	132	145	133	1,060
Police Cases (Molokai)	4,218	410	325	290	3,074
Police Cases (Total)	45,846	3,773	3,612	3,439	27,457
Fire Cases	18,718	1,734	1,667	1,772	15,591
EMS Cases	19,668	1,834	1,821	1,954	16,591
Dispatched Events	142,657	11,682	11,034	14,253	103,772

**GREGG OKAMOTO, ASSISTANT CHIEF
SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU**

PLANS, TRAINING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Commander Joy Medeiros, Lieutenant

PTR&D SECTION HIGHLIGHTS:

The 92nd Recruit Class: The 92nd Recruit Class is currently in their 4th Phase of Field Training Officer program and set to conclude on November 5, 2022.

The 93rd Recruit Class: The 93rd Recruit Class is one month into their recruit academy training with 10 recruits.

TRAININGS FACILITATED BY PLANS & TRAINING PERSONNEL: During Annual Recall (October 18-20), P&T staff taught Firearms training, Taser-recertification, and Simulator training. P&T staff continues to conduct annual firearms qualifications, CPR/AED use certifications, and PAT assessments for all applicants.

C.O.R.E. UNIT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Mobile Medical Educational Unit deploys Wednesdays to the Lahaina Baptist Church parking lot to provide services to the houseless population and serviced 552 individuals.

The C.O.R.E. Unit conducted their Public Health and Safety Initiative in Wailuku, Kahului, Kihei and Upcountry. These proactive checks are made to follow up on complaints received from the Mayor's Office and community concerns. Fifty-six individuals were contacted, 35 police reports documents, and 21 beautification operations were coordinated.

The C.O.R.E. Unit continues to monitor the Coplogic On-Line Reporting system and completed/submitted 131 reports to the Coplogic O

The C.O.R.E. Unit presented (1) Active Attacker "Awareness" Presentation in partnership with Stop the Bleed for County of Maui Employees on Moloka'i.

RECRUITMENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS:

The Recruitment Team continues to approach and contact interested individuals inquiring about entering a career in law enforcement at the Maui Police Department. Fifty possible interested applicants were contacted, 18 ride-a-longs were organized, and consultations with approximately 28 candidates and/or applicants. The Recruitment Team is currently supporting 21 applicants in the hiring process. The Recruitment Team participated in the Maui Career Job Fair and has been doing pop-up recruiting events at various establishments around Maui. Through these efforts, contact was made with 37 interested applicants. The Recruitment Team continues to work towards developing a more efficient hiring process.